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Miscellaneous Economic Information from the Malko Turnovo Area

1. The town of Malko Turnovo lies in the southeastern corner of Bulgaria, in rocky and mountainous terrain. It is the center of an agricultural area whose tillable land is of very poor quality. 25X1

Its communications with the commercial, industrial, and administrative centers of Bulgaria are dependent upon the Malko Turnovo-Burgas highway. Another highway, of little economic importance, connects Malko Turnovo with Michurina (formerly Tsarevo) on the Black Sea coast; this highway is in use, although it is in a half-finished state. 25X1

2. The principal products of the Malko Turnovo area are wheat, corn, potatoes, and vegetables. About 75 percent of the farms are operated by the agricultural cooperatives; the remaining 25 percent of privately-operated farms are being forced into bankruptcy by the high production quota and high taxes imposed upon them. The cooperatives have no modern agricultural machinery available to them with which to work the land, and since there is also a lack of initiative, production is lower than it was prior to 1944. As soon as the yearly harvest is in, the State collects its share and the remainder is divided among the farmers for their own use. Since the State's share is very large, the shares of the members are hardly sufficient for the bare necessities of life, which results in a very low standard of living in the Malko Turnovo area.

3. The Malko Turnovo State Savings Bank is one of the branches of the State Savings Bank of Sofia. It is a savings bank with limited banking functions such as handling savings accounts, handling "endorsements" and money orders, buying and distributing Bulgarian State Bonds, and paying premiums on such bonds, etc.; these functions were previously handled by the Bulgarian National Bank. The Malko Turnovo

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Bank concentrates on savings accounts and employs a "Savings Instructor" whose duties are to travel throughout the Malko Turnovo Okoliya lecturing on the needs and advantages of saving money. Personnel at the bank were as follows:

- a. Diko Nikolov Dzhepkov, Manager;
- b. Emanuel Savov, cashier;
- c. Kiril Zhelezkov Bedrov, accountant;
- d. Zladka Mokrusheva, bookkeeper;
- e. Dimităr Dülgerov, "Savings Instructor;" and
- f. Ginka Vedrichkova, servant.

The Malko Turnovo-Burgas Highway

4. The Burgas-Malko Turnovo highway is an all-weather road five meters wide, well-paved with a surface of crushed rock and sand 35 centimeters thick, and flanked by drainage ditches. It is used predominantly for freight traffic and for the daily bus service between the two cities. This road is open the whole year but is apt to be blocked by heavy snowfalls for 2- and 3-day periods during the winter months.
5. A highway, which is really an extension of the main highway, branches off for Michurin (formerly Tsarevo) on the Black Sea at a point about two kilometers north of Malko Turnovo. The construction details of both highways are the same, but the road (which was begun prior to 1944) had never been completed and is now being used in its half-finished stage.
6. There are approximately 10 bridges between Malko Turnovo and Burgas. Five of these are fair-sized stone or concrete structures and the rest are smaller structures. The five larger bridges are as follows:
 - a. A stone bridge 15 to 20 meters long and four to five meters wide, located over the Sushitsa River about three kilometers north of Malko Turnovo;
 - b. A stone bridge 15 to 20 meters long and four to five meters wide, located over the Bigorat River about 5,500 meters north of Malko Turnovo;
 - c. A stone bridge 25 meters long and five meters wide, located over the Ay Dere River about seven kilometers north of Malko Turnovo;
 - d. A reinforced concrete bridge 30 meters long and six meters wide, located over the Veleka River about 20 kilometers north of Malko Turnovo; and
 - e. A stone bridge 25 meters long and five meters wide, located over the Temna Reka River about 35 kilometers north of Malko Turnovo and five kilometers north of Zvezdets village.

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